

WINTERIZATION



- Prepare ahead of time. Don't wait for winter.
- Have furnace inspected by an HVAC professional.
- If your home is heated by a hot water radiator, bleed the valves by opening slightly. When water appears, close valves.
- Remove combustible items away from furnace or baseboard heaters.
- Have your chimney cleaned if you plan to use it during the winter.
- Store wood in a dry place, away from the exterior of your home.
- Make sure the fireplace damper opens and closes correctly.
- Seal any exterior crevice cracks.
- Check flashing to insure water can not enter the residence.
- Replace worn roof shingles or tiles.
- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Seal entry points in the foundation to keep animals out.
- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Drain garden hoses. Turn off and drain sprinkler systems.
- Insulate exposed plumbing pipes, faucets and hose bibs.
- Trim branches that hang too close to the house or electrical wires.
- Prepare an emergency kit in case of power outages. Be sure to include candles, matches (or lighter), flashlight with spare batteries bottled water, non perishable food, pet food, blankets & first aid kit
- Make sure you have the numbers for utility companies.
- NEVER use a generator, propane or kerosene space heater or BBQ inside a building unless designed for indoor use and properly vented.

